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April 9, 2014

Ms. Nancy Lummen Lewis  
Associate Administrator for Enforcement  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
Attn: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: Foreign Safety Recall/Other Safety Campaign Report  
Certain Toyota and Subaru Vehicles

Dear Ms. Lewis:

In accordance with 49 CFR 579.12, attached is a copy of our Foreign Safety Recall/Other Safety Campaign Report for the subject vehicles.

Should you have any questions about this report, please contact me directly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "A. Saadat".

Abbas Saadat  
Vice President  
Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing  
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Enclosures  
Foreign Safety Recall/Other Safety Campaign Report

**Foreign Safety Recall / Other Safety Campaign Report**

Subject: Starter system issue on certain Toyota vehicles

1. Vehicle Manufacturer Name:

Toyota Motor Corporation ["TMC"]

2. Involved Vehicles:

Make/ Car Line	Model Year	Country/Region	Action	Production Period	Number of Vehicles
Toyota/ Porte, Spade, Corolla Axio, Corolla Fielder, Auris, Ractis, Subaru Trezia	*1	Japan, Hong Kong	Safety Recall: Japan Other Safety Campaign: Hong Kong	March 28, 2012 through August 5, 2013	Approx. 19,500

\*1: These countries do not use a model year designation.

3. Substantially Similar Vehicles sold in the U.S.:

Model Year/Make/ Car Line: 2012 - 2014MY Toyota Yaris, Prius, Prius V, Prius C  
Toyota Scion xB, Scion xD, Scion tC  
Lexus CT

4. Description of Problem:

Due to improper design of the starter system circuit in the subject vehicles, a transfer phenomenon could occur at the contact in the starter relay, causing the silver element to accumulate on the surface of the contact. If this occurs, the accumulated silver could separate from the surface of the contact and become stuck between circuits in the relay, causing a short and the starter to be continuously operated, which could result in damage of the starter and increase the risk of a fire.

5. Description of Corrective Repair Action:

For all involved vehicles, the dealer will replace the starter relay with an improved one. In addition, the starter will be replaced with a new one.

6. Determination to Conduct Safety Recall / Other Safety Campaign:

- The determination was made by Toyota Motor Corporation;
- Date of determination : April 3, 2014
- Date campaign will commence : Mid April, 2014

7. Reason the similar vehicles sold in the U.S. are not involved in this safety recall / other safety campaign:

This issue only affects the above mentioned Toyota vehicles equipped with a specific starter system.  
Substantially similar vehicles sold in the U.S. do not utilize the same starter system circuit as the subject vehicles.  
None of involved vehicles have been exported to or sold in the U.S.